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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing William "Bill" Toney, a Beech Grove, Indiana, police officer killed in the line of duty.

*Whereas, On September 29, 2000, Beech Grove Police Officer William "Bill" Toney was killed in the line of duty while attempting to arrest a subject who was driving a stolen van, making Officer Toney the first member of the Beech Grove Police Department to be killed in the line of duty;*

*Whereas, While Officer Toney was attempting to stop the van, it crashed and the suspect fled the scene with Officer Toney in foot pursuit;*

*Whereas, The suspect fired his weapon at Officer Toney, striking him in the neck above his ballistics vest; Officer Toney was transported to the hospital, where he died an hour later;*

*Whereas, Officer Toney, who had been an officer with the Beech Grove Police Department for only two years, joined the force on May 26, 1998;*

*Whereas, Officer Toney would have celebrated his birthday September 30, the day after he was killed;*

*Whereas, Officer Toney was a 1986 graduate of Franklin Central High School and attended Tri-State University;*

*Whereas, Officer Toney was an active member of his community. He was a member of Lodge 86 of the Fraternal*



*Order of Police, Sigma Epsilon Fraternity, the National Rifle Association, and attended Indian Creek Christian Church; and*

*Whereas, Officer Toney is survived by his wife Deanna, daughters Jessica and Emily, mother JoAnn Toney, brothers Todd and Andrew, and sister Beth;*

*Whereas, Officer Toney was a loving father, husband, brother, and son and a great credit to the city of Beech Grove; he will live forever in the memory of his wife and children, his family, his fellow officers, the citizens of Beech Grove, and the entire state of Indiana: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly would like to  
2       express its deepest sympathy to the family of Officer Toney and to  
3       express its appreciation for his ultimate sacrifice while protecting the  
4       citizens of Beech Grove.

5       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6       Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of  
7       Officer Toney; Michael T. Curran, the Beech Grove chief of police;  
8       and J. Warner Wiley, mayor of Beech Grove.

#### **Officer William Toney**

Officer Toney (age 32), was shot and killed 09/29/2000, while attempting to arrest a subject driving a van that was suspected to be stolen. Benjamin Ritchie (age 20), was driving the van. While Officer Toney was trying to stop the van, it crashed and Ritchie fled the scene with Officer Toney in foot pursuit. Ritchie fired his weapon at Officer Toney, striking him in the neck above his ballistics vest. Officer Toney was transported to the hospital, where he died an hour later. Ritchie was later found and charged with the murder of Officer Toney. Officer Toney was an officer with the Beech Grove Police Department for two years. His birthday would have been the day after he was killed (09-30-2000). Officer Toney was married with two children, ages 4 and 18 months.

